



03500.017574

*[Signature]*  
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Shoichi KOYAMA, et al. ) Examiner: Robert B. Beatty  
Application No.: 10/664,888 ) Group Art Unit: 2852  
Filed: September 22, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 4258  
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, ) November 18, 2005  
CONTROL METHOD FOR IMAGE )  
FORMING APPARATUS, )  
DEVELOPING APPARATUS, AND )  
MEMORY MEDIUM )

Commissioner for Patents  
Post Office Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)

Sir:

Applicants have received an Official Action, dated September 21, 2005, and are in the process of formulating a response, which is due on December 21, 2005, without an extension, in the above-identified application. In the interim, this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted to ensure that it is in the file when the Examiner takes up the application for action.

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. The patent documents were recently cited in the enclosed Search Report in a foreign counterpart application, which is dated August 29, 2005. A copy of the cited patent documents and the Search Report also are enclosed.

11/22/2005 HALI11 00000017 10664888

01 FC:1806

180.00 OP



FEE

Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in or credit any overpayment of this fee to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

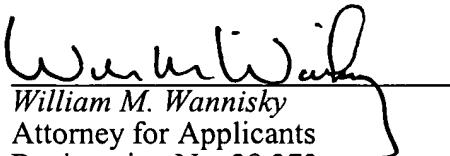
It is respectfully requested that the cited patent documents be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such patent document has been considered.

It is earnestly believed that all requirements for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement have been satisfied.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William M. Wannisky  
Attorney for Applicants  
Registration No. 28,373

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO  
30 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York, New York 10112-3801  
Facsimile: (212) 218-2200

WMW:tas

FORM PTO 1449 ( <i>modified</i> ) U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE			ATTY DOCKET NO. <b>03500.017574</b>	APPLICATION NO. <b>10/664,888</b>
LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT(S) (Use several sheets if necessary)			APPLICANT <b>Shoichi KOYAMA, et al.</b>	
Date Submitted: November 18, 2005			FILING DATE <b>September 22, 2003</b>	GROUP <b>2852</b>
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS				
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY
		<b>10-239980</b>	<b>09/11/98</b>	<b>Japan</b>
		<b>2000-181214</b>	<b>06/30/00</b>	<b>Japan</b>
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)				
EXAMINER			DATE CONSIDERED	

**\*EXAMINER:** Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Sheet 1 of 1

WMW\tas

DC\_MAIN 217905v1